

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be further preliminarily amended as provided in the foregoing amendment prior to calculation of any fees for the within RCE. Applicants also request the Examiner consider the above-amended claims, the remarks contained in Applicants Response to Final Office Action dated March 29, 2004 and the following remarks in the first office action on the merits.

Claim 18 was amended in the foregoing amendment as suggested by the Examiner so as to specify composition for the first magnetic layer.

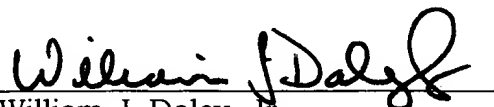
Applicants respectfully submit that the two references previously cited discloses the structure of the magneto-optical recording medium as set forth in claim 18. The amendment to claim 18 is supported by the originally filed disclosure.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,  
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